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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS BLACKBURN TO N.C. CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Richard C. Blackburn** of Jefferson to the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board.

Blackburn is chairman of the Ashe County Board of County Commissioners and a retired school administrator in Ashe County. Blackburn is a member of the Ashe County Inspection Advisory Council, the Ashe County Co-partnership for Children, Ashe Services for Aging and the Cooperative Extension Advisory Council. He also is a member of the North Carolina 21st Century Transportation Committee. Blackburn is a graduate of Appalachian State University with a Master's degree in education.

The board trains, tests and certifies local code officials. The state of North Carolina requires every local government to provide enforcement of the state building code on all new construction and existing structures to promote public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of North Carolina.

The board has 22 members, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints seven members. The Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House each appoint four members. The dean of N.C. State University Engineering School and the dean of N.C. State University each appoint two members. The North Carolina commissioner of insurance, the president of the N.C. Community College system and the director of the Institute of Government at UNC at Chapel Hill each appoint one member.

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